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Applicant responds to the Examiner's Action of 30 September 2004 by of an amendment to the Specification and claims or the original application. In this regard, claims 13-23 have been substituted for claims 1-12, which have been cancelled. The Examiner indicated that there were additional original claims 13 and 14, but the Applicant's file indicates that only 12 claims were originally filed in this case.

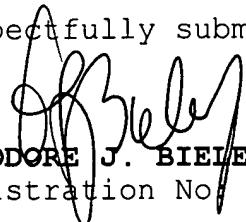
The Examiner objected to the Specification and Claims as including certain informalities. Such informalities have been corrected in the newly submitted claims and the amendment to the Specification above.

The drawing objection has also been corrected by a replacement page changing reference character "24" to "23" associated with a directional arrow noted on Fig. 1.

Applicant's newly submitted claims 13-23 includes three independent claims i.e. 13, 16, and 17. Such independent claims contain the subject matter of original claims 2, 5, and 6, respectively. Thus, the newly submitted claims should be allowable in light of the Examiner's indication that allowable subject matter is contained in the original claims 2-14.

It is believed that the application as amended is now in condition for allowance and the passing to issue of the application at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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